be hoped that there will be no delay in the preparation of plans and estimates for panchayat works in future. More overseers will be so appointed as hands become available."

Representations from the handloom weavers of Challapalli village, Krishna district.

* 776 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation from the handloom weavers of Challapalli village in Krishna district has been received by the Government requesting them to grant them lands in Chintalathota and Parvathammathota for the purpose of sizing and for their house-sites; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon by the Government?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"(a) Yes.

"(b) The proposal is under consideration."

Opening of a District Munsif's Court at Pattambi, South Malabar.

* 777 Q.—SRI K. M. SEETHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations have been received by the Government for the opening of a District Munsif's Court at Pattambi in South Malabar; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(b) The Government have carefully examined the matter in consultation with the High Court and have decided that there is no case for the opening of a District Munsif's Court at Pattambi."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* POLICE FIRING IN DALMIAPURAM, ETC.

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM:—"I would like to know when the adjournment motion will be taken up."

MR. SPEAKER:—"It will be taken up to-morrow."

SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM:—"Sir, as far as the unfortunate incident in Dalmiapuram is concerned, I read from the papers that an enquiry is to be conducted by the District Magistrate, whom I hold partly responsible for the shooting incident. The submission that we have to make will become useless."

MR. SPEAKER:—"There is no motion before the House now for the hon. Member to speak on."

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SRI P. B. K. RAJACHIDAMBARAM :—" I want the discussion to be taken up to-day."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It has already been decided to take up the motion to-morrow between 4 and 6 p.m. I have also informed your leader. Because the Leader of the Opposition is not here, it will be taken up to-morrow."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, if the postponement is due to the absence of the Leader of the Opposition, my submission is that it need not be postponed to to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I told all hon. Members who have given notice of this motion, and all leaders of parties and the Leader of the Opposition that the adjournment motion will be taken up to-morrow between 4 and 6 p.m.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, the Leader of the Opposition will be arriving here before 12 noon."

SRI T. SHANMUGHAM :—" *கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே,* **I rise on a point of order.** *பிரேரணையை இன்றைக்கு விவாதத்திற்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்வதாக ஏற்கனவே சொல்லியிருக்கிறீர்கள். ஆனால், இப்பொழுது இதை விவாதத்திற்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளாமல், நாளைக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளலாமென்று சொல்லுகிறீர்கள், அது ஏன் என்று கேட்கிறேன் ?*"

MR. SPEAKER :—" *சட்ட சபை விதிகள் என்னசொல்கிறதென்றால், கவர்ன்மெண்ட் மெம்பரையும் கலந்துகொண்டு, ஒரு நாளை நிர்ணயிக்க வேண்டுமென்று இருக்கிறது. இதற்குவேண்டிய தகவல்களைச் சேகரிப்பதற்கு நாளைவரை அவகாசம் வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகையால் இது நாளைக்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படும். யார் யார் நோட்டீஸ் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்களோ, அவர்களுக்கும் இதைத் தெரிவித்திருக்கிறேன். அவர்களும் இதற்கு சம்மதித்து இருக்கிறார்கள்.*"

SRI T. SHANMUGHAM :—" *நாளைக்காவது இதை நிச்சயமாக எடுத்துக் கொள்வீர்களா ?*"

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, may I submit to the House that we need not get unnecessarily excited about this. The simple position is this. I am perfectly ready to go on with the adjournment motion as far as it can be dealt with in the present circumstances, which I have already explained. There is a committee sitting and if Members do not prejudice that enquiry, I have no objection. But we will have to deal with it in a very unsatisfactory manner. If it is wanted, I am quite willing to participate and do what I can in the circumstances. But the present question is only a limited one. We have already issued summonses for the meeting of the Council at 4 p.m. to-day. We cannot in advance postpone that or leave it unattended to. I have necessarily to be there, and I have to be here also for the adjournment motion. Therefore I say that the least that we can do is to have it not to-day. At the Council meeting to-day, I can tell the Chairman of the Council and adjust the programme. The adjournment motion can be taken up to-morrow. But yet if the Leader of the Opposition arrives by that time, and considers the situation with reference to the

enquiry going on and agrees to have the discussion a few days later, i.e., after the Andhra Bill debate is over, I shall be much gladder. But I am quite ready to take it up to-morrow."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Some Members of the Opposition are anxious to have the discussion, if possible, to-day itself. The Hon. the Chief Minister's objection can be overcome in this way. We can have a debate to-day between 12 noon and 2 p.m. We shall sit till 2 o'clock."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall now pass on to the next item of business."

III.—PRIVILEGE MOTION—ALLEGED ARREST AND DETENTION OF SRI N. K. PALANISWAMI, M.L.A.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. the Chief Minister wants to say something on the privilege motion of Sri K. P. Gopalan. Then I will hear what the hon. Member, Sri K. P. Gopalan, has to say. The Hon. the Chief Minister will now make his statement."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The issue raised now relates to a question of privilege on behalf of Sri N. K. Palaniswami, a Member of this House. I have, as promised, enquired and got a report about the actual facts of the case, as far as I could gather. It is now understood that on the occasion of my visit to Arachalur in the Coimbatore district on the 17th May 1953 for distribution of lands gifted to Bhoodan authorities, Sri N. K. Palaniswami, M.L.A., wished to lead a deputation of about 150 persons for the ventilation of certain grievances. The persons were collected at Veerappampalayam and were being led to Arachalur. Sri Palaniswami must have known that it would ordinarily not be possible for me to alter my previously announced and tightly packed programme and receive a deputation of that kind without prior appointment. It was the duty of the executive authorities of the Coimbatore district to ensure the completion of the Chief Minister's tour programme without interruption. It appears from the report of the District Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, that the Police had information that, if the so-called deputationists were allowed to reach Arachalur in time for the meeting at which the lands were due to be distributed, unpleasant incidents might occur. The Police therefore arrested the leaders of the march at Veerappampalayam—not Sri Palaniswami. Sri Palaniswami says that the behaviour of the Police towards the persons who were arrested was brutal. The allegation is not true but even if that allegation be taken to be true, no question of breach of parliamentary privilege would arise. He was not one of the persons who were arrested at that time, and was not present with them then.

" Sri Palaniswami says that he interviewed the District Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, and that during the interview, he was arrested by an Inspector of Police and taken to the Police station and detained there till 12 noon.